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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

981 Saxon Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 981 Saxon Avenue, Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 1:25 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-six (26) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief S. Seward was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:37 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be food left unattended on the stove in the kitchen. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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